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VIA ECF

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square, Room 240  
New York, NY 10007

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**Re: *United States v. Sheldon Silver*, No. 15 Cr. 93 (VEC)**

Dear Judge Caproni:

We represent Defendant Sheldon Silver in this matter. We write to respectfully request that the Court allow us to arrange for the provision of secure high-speed wired Internet access in the courtroom during Mr. Silver's trial.

Subject to your approval, we will retain Courtroom Connect to provide these services, a vendor who has a contract with the Southern District of New York to be the exclusive provider of Internet access for attorneys. Courtroom Connect does not require any court resources to provide service, and has already installed the necessary network infrastructure in the court that is completely independent of the Court's existing systems. Courtroom Connect only needs the permission of the Court to temporarily activate connections inside the courtroom. This can be done easily, and, of course, will be paid for by the parties at no cost to the Court.

The following describes how Courtroom Connect restricts access to the network and ensures compliance with court security and directives:

- Onsite support, maintenance, monitoring, off-site user authentication, and many other measures are provided to ensure the highest levels of security and reliability.
- The network is totally separate from the court's internal network; it is therefore physically impossible for information on the court's existing systems to be accessed or compromised.

Courtroom Connect will make all necessary arrangements with the Court's District Executive office and computer networking personnel. Randy Reas (phone: 720-328-6551) from Courtroom Connect is available to answer any questions about service and can provide any additional information that you would like.

Many trials in federal courts throughout the country have utilized a high speed connection to the Internet in the courtroom. Specifically, Courtroom Connect has provided services on a number of trials before the Southern District of New York. Below is a sample list of recent trials in SDNY where Internet access has been utilized.

1) <i>United States v. Bonventre</i>	Honorable Laura Taylor Swain	Oct 2013
2) <i>United States v. Mazer</i>	Honorable George Daniels	Oct 2013
3) <i>United States v. Ghavami</i>	Honorable Kimba Wood	July 2013
4) <i>United States v. Newman</i>	Honorable Richard Sullivan	Nov 2012
5) <i>United States v. Carollo</i>	Honorable Harold Baer	May 2012
6) <i>United States v. Gupta</i>	Honorable Jed Rakoff	June 2012
7) <i>United States v. Rajaratnam</i>	Honorable Richard Holwell	Mar 2011
8) <i>United States v. Daugerdas</i>	Honorable William Pauley	Feb 2011
9) <i>Terra Firma v. CitiGroup</i>	Honorable Jed Rakoff	Oct 2010
10) <i>Tyco International v. Walsh</i>	Honorable Denise Cote	Oct 2010
11) <i>United States v. Cuti</i>	Honorable Deborah Batts	Apr 2010
12) <i>In Re: Vivendi Universal</i>	Honorable Richard Holwell	Oct 2009
13) <i>Infosint v. Lundbeck</i>	Honorable Lewis Kaplan	Oct 2009
14) <i>City of NY v. Exxon Mobil</i>	Honorable Shira Scheindlin	July 2009

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court allow Courtroom Connect to provide us with secure high-speed wired Internet access in the courtroom (and adjoining break-out room), and to permit Courtroom Connect to proceed to make proper arrangements with the District Executive Office of the Court and the official court reporter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven F. Molo

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CC: All counsel of record (via ECF)

Application GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.

10/22/2015

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE